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Lisbon, October 24. N. S.

WE have received an Account of the taking of Ciudad-Rodrigo by Aſſault, in the following Manner: The Marquis de Bay, after having preſs'd the Siege for ſeveral Days, and reduced the Place to great Extremities, ſent a Trumpet to the Governor, with a Summons to ſurrender, requiring an Anſwer in 3 Hours; whereupon the Governor call'd a Council of all the Officers, who met in the Caſtle, to debate upon the Subject. In the mean time the Marquis de Bay ordered 400 Men to attempt the Breach, who came to the Wall without being diſcovered, and finding but a ſmall Body to oppoſe them, forc'd the Paſſage, and entred the Town, having put to the Sword about 50 or 60 common Soldiers in the firſt Fury of the Aſſault. They were quickly follow'd and ſupported by freſh Detachments of the Spaniſh Army, who obliged the Governor and Officers, with the Gariſon that was left, to ſurrender at Diſcretion. This Action, according to the Repreſentation of our Officers, very much reflects on the Honour of the Marquis de Bay, who attacked them before the Time was expired which he had allow'd them for an Anſwer to his Demand. Our Army that was before Moura, hearing that the Marquis de Bay, after having taken Ciudad Rodrigo, had paſſed the Tagus with Six Regiments of Horſe, and would ſoon be joined by Four more from Andaluſia, and Two that were near Badajos, retired from before that Place without having broken Ground. They afterwards repaſſed the Guadiana, and are now encamped between Elvas and Olivença, in order to hinder the Marquis de Bay from making any Incurſion into Portugal. The Autumnal Rains have already begun to fall; ſo that, in all Probability, there will be no further Action on either Side this Year; and our Generals are ordered to diſtribute the Troops into their Winter Quarters as ſoon as the Enemy have left the Field. Vice-Admiral Waſſenaer arrived here with his Squadron the 19th Inſtant in the Morning; and in the Afternoon Captain Elways, with 6 Britiſh Men of War and a great many Tranſports under his Command, which are deſigned for Great Britain with the firſt Convoy from hence. By the freſheſt Advices we have from Catalonia we hear, the Enemy have opened their Trenches before Lerida, the Prince of Heſſe being in the Place with a ſtrong Gariſon of Britains and Dutch. My Lord Galway was endeavouring to engage the whole Country to take up Arms, and making all poſſible Preparations to oblige the Enemy to raiſe the Siege. By Letters of a later Date from Alicant we hear, That the Miquelets were drawing together in a great Body, in order to join ſeveral Regiments of Militia, with a Deſign to make an Irruption into Arragon by the Way of Balbaſtro, and by that Means to divert the Duke of Orleans from his Enterpriſe upon Lerida. Some Letters alſo add, That it was generally thought his Royal Highneſs would be very glad of a Pretence for the raiſing of the Siege of that Place; having written ſeveral preſſing Letters to the Courts of France and Spain, for freſh Recruits of Men and Supplies of Ammunition. The Catalonians appear more zealous than ever in the Intereſt of King Charles; and ſeem reſolved to preſerve their Liberties againſt the Invaſion of the Enemy, or periſh in the Defence of them. They are not a little animated to thoſe Reſolutions, by the Aſſurances they have received of being ſupported by ſpeedy Succours from Italy.

Falmouth, Octob. 25. Yeſterday arrived here Sir William Jumper, in Her Majeſty's Ships the Lenox, Captain Johnſon, in the Valeur, and Captain Sanſom, in the Phœnix